

Office of the Governor

**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Executive Order
2006 – 1**

(Supercedes and Replaces Executive Order 1994-3)

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 1994-3 dated April 8, 1994, Governor Mike Sullivan created the Wyoming Geographic Information Advisory Council for the reasons therein set forth; and

WHEREAS, such Council was charged, among other things, with promoting statewide interests and requirements for mapping data, and serving, where possible, as a focal point for coordination between federal and state agencies for mapping programs and products, encouraging input from county, local and private parties; and

WHEREAS, the Council has exercised commendable leadership in the effort to improve coordination among the geographic information systems (GIS) community statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming is facing many challenges, including increased development of energy resources, homeland security, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming finds itself working with various levels of regional and local governments, and private industry on an ever growing scale; and

WHEREAS, geographic information systems (GIS) has proven to be an effective tool in policy development, decision-making, management, engineering and research in almost all state, local and federal government agencies and private industry; and

WHEREAS, government and industry have a long history of using GIS in a wide variety of projects; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government in Wyoming face funding issues; and

WHEREAS, coordination between government agencies, and government and private entities is critical to the well being of Wyoming's counties, cities, and the state; and

WHEREAS, geospatial data and technology use will greatly benefit from a statewide coordinated effort to streamline government use, expand agency cooperation, take advantage of grant opportunities and cooperative leveraged funds; and

WHEREAS, the use of GIS is advancing very rapidly; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous demand and growth in geospatial data and technology use has out grown current coordination efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dave Freudenthal, pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Wyoming, hereby order the following:

1. The Council created in Executive Order 1994-3 is discontinued and shall be replaced by the Wyoming GIS Coordination Structure. The Structure shall consist of an Oversight Committee and a Technical Advisory Group.
2. The Oversight Committee shall have duties and membership as follows:
 - a. Duties: The Oversight Committee shall provide policy level direction and promote efficient and effective use of resources for matters related to geographic information. To that end it shall:
 - A. Promote cooperation among state, federal and local agencies, and the private sector in addressing geographic data and information needs and services in Wyoming;
 - B. Facilitate cost sharing and collaborative arrangements to develop and maintain high-priority GIS data bases and applications programs;
 - C. Promote coordination of programs, policies, technologies and resources to maximize opportunities and minimize duplication of effort, and to facilitate the documentation, distribution and exchange of geographic information;
 - D. Ensure the development of consistent policies, standards and guidelines for geographic information;
 - E. Provide recommendations to the Governor and the legislature, when appropriate, concerning issues related to geographic information in Wyoming.
 - b. Membership: The Oversight Committee shall include five (5) individuals appointed by the Governor to represent the GIS community, one member of the Technical Advisory Council, and the Executive Branch Chief Information Officer in a non-voting, ex-officio capacity.
3. The Technical Advisory Group shall have duties and membership as follows:
 - a. Duties: The Technical Advisory Group will communicate GIS user needs and technical advice to the Oversight Committee Duties: To that end, it shall
 - A. Represent the GIS user community;
 - B. Provide technical guidance to Oversight Committee;
 - C. Identify GIS issues and report to the Oversight Committee;

- D. Help develop data standards;
- E. Provide a direct communication link between the Coordination Structure and GIS users;
- F. Provide outreach;
- G. Research and recommend policy to Oversight Committee;
- H. Provide a representative to Oversight Committee;
- I. Review Proposed GIS Implementation Plans;

b. Membership: The TAG could have as many participants as willing to attend, but only 14 voting members. This would consist of two representatives from each of the following levels: Municipalities, Counties, Federal, State, Private Industry, Tribal, and Education entities. Members of the TAG would be chosen by popular vote from the above-mentioned representative groups.

4. The Wyoming Office of the Chief Information Officer will provide administrative support for the Wyoming GIS Coordination Structure. The Structure may seek additional technical support from other public or private sector entities as needed.

18th Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming, this day of April 2006.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Freudenthal", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Freudenthal
Governor